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Shown here left to right, Karen Rehfeld, State Co-Chair, George Cannelos, Federal Co-Chair, Sharon Anderson from Ouzinkie and Mike McKinnon, Transportation Program Manager of the Denali Commission.

The Denali Commission Awards the City of Ouzinkie, the Ouzinkie Tribal Council and the Ouzinkie Native Corporation with the 2007 Sustainability Award

Anchorage, AK - - December 3, 2007 – The Denali Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the 2007 recipient of the Denali Commission Sustainability Award. The Commission's Sustainability Award recognizes and supports those working to ensure the long-term health, viability, and stability of their community. Organization's considered for this award have demonstrated exceptional planning of sustainable projects, anticipated changes in their community and gauged societal expectations, needs, new business, workforce development, and technological developments

The Commission is pleased to present the Sustainability Award to the partnership of the City of Ouzinkie, Ouzinkie Tribal Council and Ouzinkie Native Corporation. Together these organizations formed Spruce Island Development Corporation (SIDCO), a 501(c)(3); SIDCO is a vehicle for all three entities to work together with a primary focus on economic development.

SIDCO developed a community comprehensive plan of which transportation is the center piece. A new dock will begin construction in the spring and an airport rebuild is in the works. SIDCO is also looking at starting a custom fish processing plant. This is a community that is setting the stage for the next generation.

The Denali Commission recognizes SIDCO's work in their efforts of economic development within their community and is pleased to present the City of Ouzinkie, the

Ouzinkie Tribal Council and the Ouzinkie Native Corporation with the 2007 Sustainability Award. The Denali Commission recognized Ouzinkie's efforts at their quarterly meeting held in Anchorage on November 29, 2007. Sharon Anderson accepted the award on behalf of Ouzinkie.

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